



City of Vernon

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Fire Chief Opening:**

The City of Vernon is looking for an individual with a high level of professional ethics, integrity, proven leadership skills and outstanding communication skills to serve as its new Fire Chief. The Chief will be responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and coordinating the activities of a 34-member combination fire department. Qualified applicants should possess at least twelve years of fire-fighting experience with no less than three years in a supervisory position. Hold a minimum of an Associate Degree in Fire Science or related field of study. Bachelor's Degree or higher in related field of study is highly preferred. Will also consider Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy or Texas Fire Chief's Academy graduate. Applicant shall possess extensive knowledge of fire prevention, fire-fighting, fire safety codes, EMS principles and budgeting. At a minimum, able to obtain (within one year) and maintain: Advanced Fire Fighter, Fire Inspector, Basic Fire or Arson Investigator, and Head of Department Certifications through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. TDSHS EMT-B or higher certification.

The Vernon Fire / EMS Department has proudly been serving the citizens of Vernon and Wilbarger County since 1889. The current population of Wilbarger County is 14,550, with 11,660 residing in Vernon; and there are 971 square miles of service area. The Department responds to approximately 2,200 calls for service each year, with EMS accounting for 1,800 and fire for 400.

Salary range of \$65,000 – 75,000 plus excellent benefits. The City of Vernon is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For further questions regarding this position, please contact Linda Byers, Human Resources Director, (940)552-2581. Position open until filled (Application Review on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>.) A cover letter and resume must be submitted to: Vernon City Hall Attn: Linda Byers, 1725 Wilbarger St. Vernon, TX 76384 Email: [lbyers@vernontx.gov](mailto:lbyers@vernontx.gov)